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FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Resolution Creating Commission to Study Racism & Violence wins Assembly OK

A resolution establishing a commission to study racism and racial violence was approved by the Senate.

Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Willie B. Brown (D-Essex), sponsor of the measure (AJR-27), said racially-motivated bias and violence "will not be defeated until the consciousness of elected leaders and the people is raised to new levels of sensitivity."

The joint resolution establishes a commission that will study the problem of racial violence and make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

Senate Committee amendments include religiously-motivated violence in the study. The commission will consist of 21 members including bipartisan legislative members, the Attorney General and Public Advocate or their designees, and representative from the NAACP, the Puerto Rican Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, the New Jersey Black Issues Convention, the N.J. Chapter of the Rainbow Coalition, the American Civil Liberties Union, and members of the general public.

The measure received final approval by Assembly vote of 71-0.

Affordable Housing Legislation Advances

The Assembly Appropriations Committee approved innovative legislation that can be set aside for affordable housing development.

The legislation is designed to make the American Dream of home ownership possible for more New Jersey citizens, while addressing the business community's concern that high housing prices in New Jersey are a detriment to attracting a skilled labor force.

Legislation to Reform PAAD Income Limits Advances

A greater number of New Jersey senior citizens and disabled individuals on low and fixed income would become eligible for a state discount prescription drug program, under terms of legislation approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

The legislation would modify the income requirements for the Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD) Program.

Bill giving DEP aid in fight with Polluters wins Assembly OK

Legislation that will give the state Department of Environmental Protection more leverage to collect unpaid fees or penalties was approved by the General Assembly.

The measure, which was approved by a vote of 78-0, now moves before the Senate for further consideration.

"Declaration of Death Act" OK'd by Assembly

A proposal to establish a legal definition for death was approved by the General Assembly.

Under the bill, an individual

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CITY NEWS

THE NEW JOURNAL OF CIVILIZATION

Dorothy Height honored at Star-Studded Gala

First Lady Barbara Bush, Bill Cosby
Diana Ross, Jesse Jackson in attendance

NEW YORK—Over 1200 national and local business and civic leaders, along with Honorary Chairwoman First Lady Barbara Bush, entertainers Bill Cosby, Diana Ross and Melba Moore, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, gathered here tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton to pay tribute to Dr. Dorothy Height, President of The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Mayor David N. Dinkins also greeted those in attendance.

A special surprise performance by Diana Ross capped off the political entities of its kind. Master of Ceremonies Bill

Cosby was quoted as saying: "Dorothy Height, to me, is like a philosophy and history lesson in one. Her life is a remarkable story of accomplishment, leadership and struggle—and of the human spirit at its highest."

Addressing the honors of the crowd, Dr. Height said, "Today the need for the NCNW is greater than ever before. Drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, education, unemployment, and family disorganization are all problems that the NCNW has and will continue to address in the ensuing decade."

Co-chairpersons of event included Steve Ross, Co-CEO of Time Warner, Inc.; Ronald O.

Prezman, Chairman & CEO, Revlon Group, Inc.; John H. Johnson, Chairman, Johnson Publishing Company; Craig Weatherup, President and CEO, Pepsi-Cola Company of North America; Suzanne de Passe, President, Gordy/Bea/Passee Productions; and John H. Bryan, Chairman & CEO, Sara Lee Corporation.

Proceeds from the event will go to benefit the NCNW's new "Fund for the Future" initiative. This fund will support the establishment of a permanent national headquarters for the 56-year-old organization and an expansion of national programs.

Sharpton, Hamm address youth problems on WSOU forum



Al Sharpton

Controversial activist Rev. Al Sharpton, N.J. State Representative Coalition Chairman, Lawrence Hamm, and community activists are scheduled to participate in "The State of African American Youth Today," a radio program broadcast, over 89.5 WSOU FM, the radio service of Seton Hall University on Sunday March 24 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sharpton and Hamm will be joined by Kevin Powell, a former leader of the Rutgers University African Student Congress, and a free lance writer for the New York Amsterdam News; Brother Shaheed Muhammad, chairman of Totally Committed, a Newark-

based community service organization and editor-in-chief of a bi-monthly newsletter called Kauria; Representative Anyanwu Carter, former leader of the United Students Organization, a Newark high school group that held several protests last year demanding that the Newark Board of Education develop a multi-cultural curriculum; and the Danish leader, chairperson of the High School Leadership Group which is under the auspices of the Newark Board of Education.

The purpose of the program is to address a serious problem

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Payne's resolution gives minority firms economic access to Kuwait's rebuilding



Congressman Donald Payne

Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne announced that he has introduced legislation in Congress calling on the government of Kuwait and the U.S. Government to promote access for women and minority-owned businesses to economic opportunities in the reconstruction of Kuwait.

The resolution introduced by Payne and three of his colleagues recognizes the vital role of African Americans, women, and other disadvantaged groups in the success of Operation Desert Storm.

"We are proud of the contri-

butions that minorities and women made during the Persian Gulf conflict," Payne said. "Now that the reconstruction of the Gulf is underway, it is important that we ensure that smaller businesses owned by women and minorities are able to share in the economic benefits of the rebuilding plan."

Payne noted that his office has been inundated with calls from small businesses expressing interest in contracting and subcontracting opportunities. These small business men and women are anxious to participate in the

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Parking major issue in Plainfield handicapped condo project

Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield City Council, once again declined last week, to place a proposed handicapped housing project up for a vote at the next public session.

AAMH, assistant director, Marshall Bond, appeared before the council to address the questions the council had first raised back in December when his agency first sought approval for the plan. The project, which would be funded by a joint financial venture between the state

Department of Community Affairs and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, would use the \$358,000 grant to purchase six-2 bedroom condos for members of the Association for the Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped.

Although the council agreed that the developer had answered their questions about the financial stability of the project, there was still ongoing concern about the lack of parking at the site. Back in 1988 a variance was granted which stated that the parking issue would be settled when the renovations of the building

started. This issue was carried over when the present developer, Joseph Pansoda bought the building after a previous developer failed to get financial backing.

Pansoda has proposed to lease 28 of the 76 spaces in Lot 6, which is the busiest lot in the city. Marcus Dasher, director of the Department of Economic Development said he would be meeting with the developer this week to discuss the issue further and said that he would keep the council abreast of the outcome.

Of the six members of the

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Dorothy Height

NAACP obtains consent order with Bayonne

City agrees to stop using "residents only" hiring practices

NEWARK—Keith M. Jones, president of the New Jersey State Conference NAACP announced on March 5, 1991, the settlement of an employment discrimination lawsuit against the city of Bayonne.

He said that a consent order and stipulation had been approved by Judge H. Lee Sarokin of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and was entered into on February 5, 1991, in Newark.

In the consent order and stipulation, Bayonne has agreed immediately to stop using the lists of eligibles compiled pursuant to their "residents only" policy of hiring all qualified residents before hiring non-residents; and agreed to seek to repeal the ordinance which embodies that policy. The repeal of the ordinance is expected to be before the city council within the next few days.

In the settlement, Bayonne has agreed to engage in affirmative recruitment efforts to attract black applicants for each job category in numbers reflecting their availability in the labor market for that job category, as reflected in by the work force of private employers in Bayonne and other statistical information. These recruitment efforts include advertising in radio stations such as WNJR, WBLS, WKYS, as well as newspaper advertising and contact with community organizations.

The order and stipulation prohibit any employment practice which unlawfully discriminates against individuals based upon race; and require record keeping and reporting to attorneys for the NAACP to assure compliance. The stipulation includes Bayonne's denial of any discrimination.

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Mount Olive Baptist Church receives history grant

PLAINFIELD—Mayor Harold Mitchell announced today, that the City of Plainfield received a \$1,000 History Grant through the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs for conducting a study on the African American History in Plainfield. The grant was awarded on March 4, 1991 at a meeting of the advisory Board to the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. The Grant Program is funded under the County Block Grant Program of the New Jersey Historical Commission, Department of State.

Reverend Donald Nichols, Sr., Pastor, from the Mount Olive Baptist Church, the oldest African American Church in the City of Plainfield has been a long time advocate to research Plainfield's rich Cultural African American

past. The Mount Olive Baptist Church will be a primary source of the research in concert with other African American churches in the City. The research will be conducted by a graduate student from the Africana Studies Department from Rutgers University under the guidance of the Reverend Dr. Leonard L. Bethel, Professor in the Africana Studies Department at Rutgers University, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, 300 East Fifth Street in Plainfield and a city resident.

The Mayor also stated, for further information, contact Gumbel S. Sondi, Director, Division of Planning and Community Development of the Department of Public Works and Urban Development, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, Tel.(908) 753-3394.

CITY PEOPLE

People on the move...

Gary Paben has been appointed executive vice president and executive producer for Madison Square Garden's Entertainment & Attractions Group. It was announced by Richard H. Evans, president and chief executive officer of Madison Square Garden. Prof. Jay Siegel of Marlboro, who teaches at Union County College has been promoted to the rank of associate professor. Leonard D. Kreisman, vice president for academic affairs... David Finn has been appointed Director of Operations at the Meadowlands Hospital Industrial Medicine Center... Elizabeth Reinhardt, of Millburn, recently received World Book Educational Products' prestigious Honor Society Award... Louis S. Novobiski of Richboro, Pennsylvania has joined Berkowitz and Associates, Inc. of Princeton, N.J. as an Assistant Project Manager... S. Hobart Lockett of Secaucus was chosen as Meadowlands Health Care, Inc., West Orange, N.J. has been appointed to the Board of Nursing Advisory Committee on Home Health Aide Certification... Bennett D. Zurofsky, Esq., a partner in the Newark law firm of Reisman, Parsonnet & Duggan is the newly elected President of the Association for Advancement of the Mentally Handicapped (AAMH) located in Elizabeth, N.J... Maryann H. Muhammad from Hillsdale was among 26 to complete intensive training at the N.J. Family Community Leadership Institute held at the Ramada Inn in Somerset... Dr. Harb Nayar, director of controlled atmospheres technologies, Commercial Development Dept. has been selected for Airco Industrial Gases' Technical Achievement Award for his contribution to the development of Airco/BOC's Nitralcan system for retrofit soldering... Ron Reisman of Aqualube Gas Company in Union has been named chairman for the March of Dimes Walk-America Committee... Deborah Aguilar-Volez, president and owner of Sistemias, will be on the Upsale campus as a New Jersey Visiting Fellow during the week of March 25, 1991...

Steele appoints Walton to Board of Ed



Mayor Michael Steele recently announced his selection of Yoland Walton to a vacant seat on the Irvington School Board. Walton, age 48, of Irvington was selected by Mayor Steele because of his community involvement. Steele stated "Mr. Walton has been active in school matters and community issues for over a decade. I met Yoland when I served on the school board dating back to 1980. He was outspoken and worked aggressively with our school/community task force to develop a school building program. He helped in 1987 to get a public referendum passed to allow the school board to transfer close to \$2 million dollars to purchase properties and land on Montgomery Avenue in Irvington's south ward to make way for a new school." Persons in photograph: (l. to r.) John D'Angelo, Board Secretary, Mayor Michael Steele, center, Mrs. Walton, and Yoland Walton, taking the oath of office to the Irvington School Board.

Ed Shannon's African-American Journal tells stories to millions

Ed Shannon is the producer-host of the new PBS series, African-American Journal. This 13-part series, produced in association with Louisiana Public Broadcasting is distributed to public television stations throughout the U.S. and the Caribbean. Shannon, a 22-year veteran of the broadcast industry is finally fulfilling his dream—telling stories to thousands of people. African-American Journal relates positive stories of blacks in America. The "stories" of each episode are ordinary folk for whom successful grasp of the American dream is measured by their individual achievement, the admiration and respect they receive from others; and occasionally the institutions they built.

A Viet Nam war veteran of the US Air Force, Shannon credits his time in the military with broadening his horizons. "The Air Force took this kid out of the ghetto," he says. "I learned a lot about discipline and order into his life, and taught him how to negotiate bureaucratic systems."

Prior to African-American Journal, he produced three other television documentary series on the Black Experience—1972-1973, 1975-1979 and 1989 to present in Houston, Texas. The second season of African-



Ed Shannon

American Journal is already in production, despite the fact that a major underwriter has not yet signed on. Still, Shannon's faith in African-American Journal is steady. "...America is a place where you can do anything you want—all you have to do is give it your best effort."

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could be declared dead under two conditions: If he or she has sustained irreversible cessation of all circulatory and respiratory functions; or if his or her circulatory and respiratory functions can only be maintained via artificial means and suffers from irreversible cessation of all functions of the entire brain, including brain stem.

Plan for Regional Development Bank wins in Assembly

The Port Authority NY/NJ would be required to establish a new subsidiary, called the Bank for Regional Development, to finance infrastructure projects in municipalities in the port district, under a legislation approved today by the General Assembly.

The proposal, A-1997, is sponsored by Assemblyman David C. Schwarz (D-Middlesex/Union). The Bank would finance, through grants or loans to state and local government entities, construction or repair projects involving roads, mass transit, airport, marine or rail terminals or operation and water supply, storm, sewerage and resource recovery facilities.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

WESTFIELD—Lowering Your Cholesterol sponsored by the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County at 200 North Avenue from 1 to 3 p.m. For information call 201-654-9854.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's Breastfeeding class from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For information call 201-669-2353.

MILLBURN

Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills annual Spring fling Sale through the 23rd from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 105 Main Street. For information call 201-376-0048.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

MORRISTOWN—Searching for a Job The Smart Way at the Madison Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call County College of Morris 201-4328-5550.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

CRANFORD—Exploring the Mysteries of Your Mind at the Coaching Days Inn course will focus on concepts of American clairvoyant Edgar Cayce. For information call 1-800-828-3588.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

PLAINFIELD—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's Infant Care class from 7:30-9:30 p.m. For information call 201-669-2353.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

WESTFIELD—Learn to reduce fat and cholesterol content of foods you prepare at a class offered by Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County in the Extension Auditorium from 1 to 3 p.m. and again from 7 to 9 p.m. For information call 201-654-9854.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

TOMS RIVER—4 Believe in Rainbows, re-learn to find the joy and beauty in the world around us at 7:30. Ocean County College Community Education Department. For information call 908-255-0404.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

UNION COUNTY—Free nutrition lecture at New Runnels Hospital from 1 to 3 p.m. How new dietary guidelines can reduce risk of heart disease and cancer. Classes open and free to the public. For information call 201-654-9854.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

JERSEY CITY—Up, Up, and Away! workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hespburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

JERSEY CITY—"Heaven's Above" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a tripartite series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hespburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

JERSEY CITY—"Mystery Matter" workshop is co-sponsored by the Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and Liberty Science Center. This is part of a tripartite series of science workshops for elementary and middle school educators from 4 to 6 p.m. in Hespburn Hall. For information call 201-547-3094.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 5 p.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The second annual Women in Engineering Conference will be held under the aegis of the Metro Center Holiday Inn-Crowne Plaza. For more information, contact the Office of Women's Programs, Stevens Institute of Technology at 201-420-5245.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

UNION—Adult Advisory Services' free workshops at 10 a.m. for adults considering entering or re-entering college at Keen College. For information call 201-527-2210.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

NEWARK—The International Black Women's Congress will host a two week tour of Egypt. For reservations and further information, call 201-928-0570.

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by

Dr. Charles W. Faulkner



On your first date

"He/she probably won't like me, so I'm not going to go out on a date with him/her."

The fear of being rejected is the enormous wall that stands between people who meet for the first time. This psychological wall is one of the sturdiest and most resistant obstacles yet devised.

"I'm not going to let this person know that I like him/her because I don't know if they like me as much as I like them. If I show affection to this person, I might look foolish. He/she might think that I'm frustrated and reject me. This really hurts me inside but I'm not going to let anyone make a fool of me, so I'm going to act disinterested, damn, I sure do wish that this fabulous person would do something or say something to let me know that they definitely like me and won't reject me if I act friendly."

This statement is almost identical to the words (or thoughts) that most people have when they find someone they like (and who they want to like them). In many cases, both individuals have an emotional "need" for each other, but their own basic insecurity inhibits them from revealing their feelings to the other person.

Memories of having been rejected in similar situations in the past linger in the mind and almost retard the behavior of like-minded people whose sole fault is the fear that the next person will also reject them.

So, instead of being alluring, personable, friendly and relaxed,

they are overly-sensitive, restrained, inhibited, unfriendly and rejective (when they really don't want to be). This behavior causes the other person to be uncomfortable and provokes an I-told-you-so attitude: "I knew they wouldn't like me." The victim seldom realizes that higher own behavior caused the problem.

Ordinarily, the success of your relationship will be determined by the behavior that you present to the other person. If you are friendly, the other person will probably be relaxed and will like you. If you are warm and affectionate the other person will probably respond the same way. If the other person does not return your courtesies, this person is probably not the kind of individual with whom you would be happy.

Most people readily respond to an *actively-sensitive* and affectionate individual. The problem, of course, is that few people are *actively-sensitive* when they meet someone for the first time. When two people each expect the other person to take the first step (and no one does) the relationship will flat out on its face. So, without an aggressive person both people say "I knew I wouldn't like that person."

One person almost always has to show more initiative than the other in order for a relationship to develop. The male is usually assigned that task. But suppose he is shy? If he doesn't take the initiative, the lady will have to, if

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Is South Africa regaining world acceptance?

By Daniel Marolen

President F.W. de Klerk and his government are riding on an unprecedented crest of the world for their supporters. Latest reports from South Africa reveal that the white members of the National Party are full of confi-

dence and jubilation at South Africa's reacceptance into the family of world nations which isolated her because of her abominable system of apartheid. Apartheid holds down the country's black bulk of the population without political rights or participation.

Members of the National

Party led by President de Klerk say that de Klerk's reforms are worthwhile and have regained South Africa its former position as a respected member of its community. The N.P. speaks of South Africa as having moved back into several agreements with its former foes, especially those that ostracized her from world

participation in sport, and those who imposed economic sanctions against her.

But all members of the United Nations where the South African problem is perennially on the agenda, are ... opposed to apartheid, and would like to see sanctions not lifted until there is irreversible change.

Who, then, are the nations that are receiving South Africa into the family of nations? One swallow does not make a summer, and New Zealand's and Australia's decision to re-establish sporting and cultural relations with South Africa does not mean her re-acceptance into the family of nations. Nor does the move of the ECC and two or so other western countries to lift sanctions mean the world's re-acceptance of South Africa into the world fold.

The world will not stop isolating South Africa for many reasons. First, its abhorred racist policies must be abolished. Then the racist state must end the instability which prevails in the country; maintain law and order to prevent the seemingly endless racial turmoil that continues to torment the apartheid regime; and resuscitate the country from the low ebb in which business is, ending the recession.

Without these changes, South Africa's isolation will continue. South Africa's life is stagnant and must be revived before the world community if nations can re-accept her. De Klerk must also make it his priority to silence the extreme Afrikaner rightwing parties led by Dr. Andries Treurnicht

and Dr. Terreblanche, who prefer the system of apartheid to continue more vigorously, and sanctions to continue, in order to block the emergence of a black government.

And, how can the world community reward de Klerk when he is failing to begin the long-awaited negotiations towards a new South African constitution which he has promised the world? Besides, only some 1,100 exiles have returned to South Africa from 40,000 who are still abroad in foreign lands. There are still thousands of political prisoners and detainees awaiting release in the country's jails. And, worst of all, the main pillars of apartheid are still in place, and the obnoxious Bantustan system is also still in place.

Surely, de Klerk should leave alone his globe-trotting tendency, and pay attention to the internal problems of his country. Only when South Africa attends to its own internal problems successfully will the community of world nations re-accept her into the fold of the global community. Now is the time for de Klerk to help Nelson Mandela, Mangosuthu Butheletzi and other South African reformers to democratize their country and turn it into a non-racial nation.

What's next—Black America's agenda for South African economic stability

by William Reed

Are we all flash, talkin' about economics with no cash? Don't Black Americans know that, "money talks, and talkers just walk"? In the coming months what is Black America going to do about renewing economic sanctions legislation against South Africa, the during the past five years we've literally done nothing but talked about helpin' the Black people of South Africa? U.S. policy toward South Africa, since 1986, has aimed to isolate and punish that country while coercing South Africa's leadership to abandon apartheid. Now, Pretoria has committed itself to steps of getting rid of apartheid, is it not time for America in general, and Black Americans in particular, to rethink our policy toward South Africa? Recently, South African President, Frederik de Klerk, promised to release the political prisoners who were detained for opposing apartheid. De Klerk's release of all political prisoners will complete all of the five reforms Congress said were necessary before lifting the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act (CAAAA) of 1986.

Whether under pressure of

CAAAA, or prompted by a moral spirit, de Klerk and the Pretoria establishment have moved to dismantle apartheid. It is important to note during the same time, what African-Americans were doing to enhance the sanctions they'd demanded. While the bill denied South Africa landing rights here, prohibited loans to South Africa's private sector, and banned all new investments in South Africa, it did make a provision for investments in firms owned by Black South Africans. Under CAAA, the South African government: 1) lifted the state of emergency; 2) released Nelson Mandela, and now other political prisoners; 3) allowed all South

Africans to form political parties and participate in the political process; 4) eliminated the Group Areas Act allowing free settlement of all races; and 5) abolished the Separate Amenities Act allowing Blacks access to all public facilities. But, as the sanctions were making de Klerk, and his government walk and talk faster, African-Americans were dealing in more political flesh than in cash investments to assist their own. Black Americans demanded disinvestment in white firms operating in South Africa, but saw little need to exercise their provision to invest in black-owned firms there. While we could have

invested in the leading Black economy in Africa, we decided to leave black businesses there to suffer the same fate as black workers of disinvested firms.

What's next on Black America's agenda for the economic stability for South Africa? One of the first steps in updating American policy would be to lift economic and financial sanctions against South Africa. Since they were implemented, in 1986, American sanctions have hurt South Africa's Blacks. Because South African exports have been denied access to international markets, their exports have fallen. This has resulted in production cutbacks and a Black unemployment rate that went from 20 percent to 30 percent. While unem-

ployment there during the period has capped at 20 percent. Unless sanctions are lifted, South Africa's economy will continue to spiral downward and set back the economic standing of Blacks even further.

In concert with lifting the sanctions, African-Americans should lead the parade to invest in our kin in the most dynamic economy in Africa. With financial underpinnings, Black South Africans will have equal access to the richest and most highly developed country in Africa. With "Money Power" Black South Africans can have an equal hand in producing two-fifths of Africa's manufactured goods, nearly half its minerals, and a fifth of its farm products.

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Orange rail station renovations nears fruition

BROWN—Mayor Robert L.

Orange called on the City Council to remember the public interest and the sense of fair play that has brought the Tony Galante Plaza Renovation Project so close to fruition. "It is evident that the Orange Chamber of Commerce supports this project, members of the League of Women Voters support the project. Clergymen, tenants, property owners and developers all anxiously await a negotiated settlement that the elected officials of Orange should deliver for the benefit of the community," commented Mayor Brown. Mayor Brown also stated that, "This excellent project has been approved by two previous City Councils was a previous recipient of federal grant funds (which expired during the previous Mayor's term) and was approved by the State and the County at this time of the eleventh hour, with midnight fast approaching, all of Orange must unite to walk the final mile." According to Mayor Brown, this Administration has labored tirelessly in the pursuit of a train station renovation. We are happy to say that we are closing in on the goal and the prize. In friendly negotiations with New Jersey Transit, who has patiently held in place for approximately 7 years plans for a \$750,000 investment for Orange, a significant social and economic development is within sight.

At the City Council meeting of March 5, 1991, the City Council gave preliminary approval (by a 4-3 vote) to this Administration to acquire property to be used for the Galante transit link. However the essential lease agreement was disapproved (4-3) with Councilman Galante suggesting the lease needed to be modified in order for him to support it. At the same meeting, Councilman Todd Mark Galante promised to forward suggestions to this administration with his comments on lease arrangements.

On Friday morning, March 7, 1991, this Administration has received Councilman Galante's proposed lease amendments. His requests from New Jersey Transit include:

1. An annual rent payment of \$8,000.
2. A detailed list of station improvements and repairs be attached to the lease.
3. A timetable for hazardous condition repair and other on-site clarification.
4. A provision for on-site security.
5. A default provision including cure, penalty and reversionary rights to the City.
6. That any improvements deemed as fixtures become property of the City of Orange Township.
7. That all improvements be submitted to the City Council and meet all State and City Building Codes with reference to paragraph 13B of the lease.
8. Other alternatives.

Mayor Brown claims his administration is happy to work with Councilman Todd Mark Galante on this matter, as well as the entire council to provide economic progress and increased livability to Orange taxpayers. Taxpayers need the benefit of a \$750,000 station upgrade without the cost. We will use our best efforts to negotiate with New Jersey Transit to seek the best possible agreement but pledge to work with New Jersey Transit to accomplish history making progress. We applaud Council-

man Galante's efforts in support of this project.

Mayor Robert L. Brown also extended his thanks to New Jersey Transit who despite forty (40) other suburban communities being lined up, ready to accept these funds from Orange taxpayers during hard-tight fiscal periods, have persevered and refused to turn Orange away and push us out of the economic development picture. A picture that can only lead to more commerce for Orange, greater condo and co-op sales that lead to new taxes being paid and

higher standards of living for the thousands of Orange train riders. Shortly, we will re-enter negotiations to bring all parties together, the City Council, New Jersey Transit, and the Brown Administration, so that problems can be addressed and equitable compromise can be reached on behalf of all the citizens of Orange. At stake is \$140,000 of taxes Orange will receive an increase in value of adjacent City owned properties, a \$750,000 station upgrade and renewed hope for Orange's future.

Pankey appointed manager/postmaster

NEWARK—Henry A. Pankey was installed as the 29th Postmaster of the Newark Division of the United States Postal Service on Tuesday March 5 in the U.S. Main Post Office-Courthouse Building. The swearing in ceremony was to be conducted by Peter A. Jacobson, Northeast Regional Postmaster General. A special presentation was made by Mayor Sharpe James, City of Newark.

As General Manager/Postmaster for the Newark Field Division, Pankey has management responsibility for 14,700 employees working in 60 associate post offices and 110 stations and branches throughout the northern portion of New Jersey State. He will manage postal operations for the areas of Essex County and parts of Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Bergen and Union Counties, serving approximately 3 million



Henry A. Pankey

people. And delivering 4.8 billion pieces of mail a year or some 13 million pieces a day. Pankey will also have responsibility for overseeing the world's largest bulk mail operation, the NJ Inmate Mail Office; and as Manager of Mail Processing in Bronx, NY.

NAACP obtains consent order

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employment practices. Nothing in the order and stipulation, however, prohibits Bayonne from requiring that new employees of the city, other than police officers and firefighters, move into Bayonne within six months of employment, or from requiring that police officers and firefighters move into Bayonne within a reasonable distance of Bayonne (determined to be fifteen miles) to facilitate a prompt response to any emergency. The order and stipulation will remain in effect for four years, unless extended by order of the court.

In the complaint, which was filed in February 1990, the NAACP alleged that Bayonne employed 644 full time municipal employees, of whom eighteen (18), or 2.8% were black. Bayonne is close to Newark and Jersey City, but it has a population which is less than 5% black. The suit alleged that Bayonne's practice of limiting applicants to residents of Bayonne, or granting a preference to residents, discriminated against blacks in violation of federal equal opportunity laws. This suit was one of seven filed by the NAACP, other lo-

cal NAACP branches and the national NAACP itself, against municipalities near Newark and Jersey City that limited employment to residents of the municipality. In each of the cases, the NAACP alleged that the "residents only" recruitment and hiring practices discriminated against blacks. The suit against the town of Harrison was tried in August, 1990, and the court decided favorably to the NAACP. In September, Harrison has taken an appeal from that to the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. And the appeal is expected to be argued in that court in Philadelphia early in April. Suits against Clifton, Fort Lee, Kearny, Millburn and West Orange are pending in the District Court.

Keith Jones commended Mayor Sharpe James of Bayonne for agreeing to a "progressive and forward looking" program to help to resolve the problems without further litigation, and to achieve equal employment in Bayonne. He stated that he and the NAACP hoped to work with some of the other communities to attain the same objective in their communities.

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EDITORIAL

WHERE IS AMERICA?

The recent disclosure of police brutality in Los Angeles, should alarm and outrage all Americans. But has it? The lack of outrage expressed by the general public, major media, politicians, police organizations, gay activists and all others who should be concerned about the erosion of democracy that is occurring right before our eyes is shocking. Where are the headlines? "...Rouge Cops Brutally Beat Black Man," "...Wolf Pack Cops Attack Black Men," "...Black Man Savagely Beaten By Cops."

Thank God for the good citizen who had the nerve and human decency to video tape the incident. Had there not been a video tape, had not the video tape been aired across the nation, few would believe the victim. However given the obvious, why isn't more outrage being expressed about the brutalization of a black man by police officers who are paid to protect all citizens. Is this an isolated incident? The Black community has always believed they have been victimized by police. The Los Angeles brutalization speaks to a holocaust that is occurring under our noses and no one, no one, seems to notice. Another case of resisting arrest. --He had a gun. --He had a knife. --

Yes, no one except the victims seems to notice this cruel reality occurring every day to black men. Where is Donald Trump? Where is the Pope? Where are all the good men and women of American who cheered young black men off to war.

WHERE IS AMERICA DURING THIS HOLOCAUST.

A letter of thanks from the Rose of Sharon Community Church

The membership of the Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield takes this opportunity to thank the many individuals who participated and assisted with the recent homegoing services for our pastor, brother and friend, Dr. Everett Lattimore.

You helped make this occasion both comforting and memorable for his family, church family and his many friends. Your generosity will be long remembered.

Thanks as well to all of our friends who have donated to the Rose of Sharon Building Fund in his name. This will provide a truly living memorial for generations to come.

The Church would especially like to thank Mr. Zion A.M.E. Church, Rev. R.T. Druid, Pastor; City of Plainfield; Mayor; City Council; Fire and Police Departments; Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center; Mrs. Emily Washington; Caterers and Judkins Colonial Home.

Governor's Award Program open for nominations

Governor Jim Florio kicked off the 1991 Governor's Award Program with a call for nominations of individuals who have made significant achievements in various fields have been at the forefront of outstanding advances throughout our state's history. Governor Florio said, "I call upon the people of New Jersey to look around your communities and nominate the people you believe have made a significant difference in the lives of others."

The Governor's Awards are the highest honors in the State of New Jersey can bestow on an individual. There are a total of 13 categories honoring achievements in science, education, medicine, heroism, economic development, transportation, labor, humanitarianism, athletics, creative arts, public service, youth advocacy and the environment. Sponsoring organizations award category select their nominees for the category that relates to their field. Nominees must either reside in the state or have worked in the state at the time of their contribution.

"These awards celebrate the pride of New Jersey," Governor Florio said, "its very best people. Not the most famous or well-known ones. The ones who have distinguished themselves in every field. The ones who have helped - and are helping - this state be the very best."

Public nominations for any award should be sent to: The Governor's Awards Program, State House, 125 West State Street, CN 001, Trenton, New Jersey, 08635.

The deadline for nominations is March 30, 1991 and the awards will be presented in September.

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By Connie Woodruff

The Rev. Dr. Ralph T. Grant for sheriff?

Leave it to Essex County politicians to provide us with a shock-a-week. And it surprised a lot of folks when the news leaked out about a meeting of black elected officials and others at the Peppermint Lounge where the decision was made to support Newark council president Ralph Grant for sheriff in the June primary election.

From Grant's point of view the move makes sense. He will have the luxury of possibly moving to a higher political position without having to give up his council seat until he wins next November. And if he loses, he can continue to be a member of the Newark city council.

That strategy worked well for Tom D'Alesio who remained sheriff until he resigned a few weeks before taking the oath of office as the county's executive.

There is nothing in the law that says a sheriff must be out of the ranks of law enforcement. Remember when John Cryan, a former Essex Assemblyman and businessman held that office?

Grant, however, will be the first ordained minister to hold the position. If he wins the Democratic primary he will probably be pitted against Louis Greenleaf, an attorney whose career is rooted in law enforcement.

Greenleaf is expected to run for sheriff on the Republican ticket and according to the political leadership we have contacted the deal to persuade him to switch from Democrat to Republican has been signed, sealed and delivered.

Meanwhile, Acting Essex County sheriff, Armando Fontana, plans to be a formidable foe in the primary fight with Grant. Fontana, on leave from the Newark police department and undersheriff, D'Alesio for four years, likes his job as top cop for the county and will probably not give up without a fight. Like Dr. Grant, he knows a lot about in-fighting and grassroots politics.

At a time when the state legislators are up for re-election, Democratic leaders would prefer

not to have a dog fight within their ranks and a primary fight will not be conducive to a solid front against GOP opposition in the general election.

If Grant should win, who will take his council seat? It appears that at long last there may be a firm commitment to put a black woman on the

Newark council. At this point the one name prominently mentioned is Newark Teachers Union president, Cinde Graves. Graves has lost several bids for elected office but may have a better chance of winning if she runs as an incumbent. There is no doubt she will benefit greatly from an appointment to Grant's unexpected term.

But all that is speculation based on whether or not Ralph Grant accepts the challenge of running and then winning the election for sheriff and whether or not present city council members will respond to the demands of women voters by choosing a black woman to be seated as a councilman-at-large.

In Newark Police director Claude Coleman planning to resign his position and devote full time to a lucrative law practice? That's the rumor circulating in police circles.

The rumor mongers are also taking bets if Coleman is out, the cop known as "Gunslinging Guy," Charles Knox, is in. So far the people involved, Coleman, Knox and Mayor Sharpe James are mum on the issue.

Now you know. The ex-county official who was made because he didn't get an agreed to settlement when he resigned from his county job is Danny Gibson, immediate past Clerk to the Board of Freeholders.

A week after his intention to sue for \$250,000 in accumulated pay and other monies due him, the Freeholder Board voted to pay up without further delay.

And now Mr. Gibson can ride happily off into the sunset of political paragon with \$165,000 plus. It's called making the system work for you when you know how to do it.

No taxes for God

Dear Editor:

How much were your taxes increased in 1990 because of the tax exemption placed upon church owned real-estate? Hold it a minute! Why should you even have to pay for real-estate owned by a religious organization in the first place? The taxpayer should not be mandated to finance religious institutions. The property taxes placed upon that real-estate is the concern of the owner. Religion is an individual's private affair and the burden of providing financial support should not be imposed upon everyone. Unfortunately, because of a blanket tax exemption on church owned property, that is exactly what you as a taxpayer are required to do.

Your individual property taxes are based upon the amount it will cost the town to provide essential services. Your individual taxes are based upon an equalization formula which involves the total amount of land in the town and the value of it. In 1970, Newark needed to raise 172.3 million dollars from its real estate owning residents to pay for the services which were provided to everyone, including the church. Church owned property in Newark was valued at 88.5 million dollars. That figure, when applied to the tax rate equaled 15 million dollars -- \$15,043,000 which you now have to pay. Why? Because the church is tax exempt.

The amount of money involved is not the main issue. Let me emphasize my primary grievance. Everybody should be forced to pay the taxes which the church themselves should be paying. You own land, you pay taxes. Church owned property is mainly used for religious purposes. Religion is a private affair. If you want your particular church, pay for it yourself.

For those of you who might be interested in the figures, Newark property owners were each required to pay 8.7% more in 1990 in order to satisfy the

\$15,043,000 which was lost due to the tax exemption. The town hardest hit in Essex County was Caldwell. The individual tax increase was 22.4%. Overall, in Essex County, the total value of church owned property was \$468.7 million. This included their cemeteries and hospitals. That's 40.3 million dollars which the taxpayer had to fork over for "their" property.

Allya Clifton
American Atheists

The Heroes of Bed-Stuy

by Marian Wright Edelman

"How can you answer an ambulance call with out an ambulance?"

That seemingly silly but in this case, valid question is often asked of two emergency medical technicians (EMTs) responding to calls without an ambulance in Bed-Stuy, New York City's Bedford-Stuyvesant area. That's where Rocky Robinson and Joe Perez listen for medical emergencies on the police radio and respond to provide more immediate medical attention that people in the poor neighborhood might otherwise receive.

"We felt that 15 to 20 minutes was too long when citizens were lying in the street waiting for an ambulance," said Rocky. "It was horrendous. We had to do something. We thought, 'Why isn't there a volunteer corps in Bed-Stuy? Why should we keep crying? Why not get together and do something about it?'"

As a result, the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps was created. But they weren't met with open arms — they came across ridicule and skepticism. "People laughed at us — an ambulance corps without an ambulance!" recalls Rocky. "We had to walk to the calls. We finally stabilized the patient. Finally they said, 'Let's give those

As I See It....

Don't pay any attention to the guessing game about where Mayor Sharpe James plans to go when he leaves Newark city hall. As far as we know the mayor is still excited, happy, loyal and dedicated to his job as Newark's chief executive and is not planning to change offices for one in the Hall of Records in the immediate future.

That should bring a sigh of relief to Congressman Donald Payne who had to have some uneasy moments when it was suggested James was winning support for congress and if not that, for the office of county executive.

If Newark council president Dr. Ralph Grant has his way, a building in the city's Central Ward will be used to perpetuate the memory of George "Specs" Hicks, the state's most notorious ex-drug addict.

During a tribute at Hicks' funeral services Grant said he plans to lead a crusade to establish the George "Specs" Hicks Detox Center in the area where Hicks ran a successful drug rehab program for several decades.

In all more than a thousand men, women and children attended Hicks' wake a memorial service at Bethany Baptist Church. He was a familiar figure in Newark and around the state and nation as an anti-drug crusader.

There were times in his life when he was exposed to violence and in the end, died violently. But in life he exhibited the courage and tenacity it takes to break the habit. But he lived long enough to become a role model for rehabilitation.

The speakers at his funeral: Rev. Scott, pastor of Bethany, Rev. Levin B. West, eulogizer, Rev. Ralph T. Grant, Jr., Sheldon Brown, Esq., Dr. Clement Price of Rutgers University and poet.

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poor guys an ambulance."

Rocky and Joe received donated ambulances and insurance money, and now operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Their crew regularly beats emergency medical service (EMS) to the scene of an emergency, and reduced the response time of ambulance services in the neighborhood from 15 minutes to 2 minutes.

Their work doesn't stop there. Besides holding down fulltime jobs, they respond to their volunteer program, and Rocky and Joe trained approximately 30 unemployed residents to be EMTs. Many have gone on to work for private ambulance organizations or with the EMS.

Community involvement is emphasized in their program because Rocky and Joe care about Bedford-Stuyvesant's future and wellbeing. They are especially concerned with reaching neighborhood youth, getting them interested in the medical-health field. It is not an easy task. Other prosperous options may seem more appealing, but Rocky and Joe won't give in easily.

They believe the average teenager wants to be a hero and joins gangs to become one. As a path towards a positive future, adolescents can become a part of the "medical gang." They wear a

Amiri Baraka, spoke in glowing terms of what Hicks' life meant to the Newark community and the vision which "brought him out of the darkness of despair" and offered help to thousands of young New Yorkers.

In his "new life" Hicks established the New Well and satellite centers in Paterson, East Orange and Atlantic City. He chaired the Newark Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission from 1984-86, was a member of the Mayor's Advisory Council on Narcotics Abuse, the National Federation of Drug Abuse Workers, the National Assn. of Black Substance Abuse Workers and the Governor's Drug Abuse Advisory Council.

A graduate of Shaw University, he joined the lecture circuit, talking to children and adults in the tri-state area on drug abuse and was a familiar figure testifying before congressional committees.

He is survived by his wife, Delora, daughters Quell Pittman, Redell Pittman, Shinky Grice, Erica Jones, Pamela Jones Savaris, Erica Jones, Lelia Jones and one son, Channing Jones. Also two sisters: Anna Davis and Dolores Davis and 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Soloist Rudy Adams, Jr. offered two selections that typified Hicks' heroic efforts to stem the tide of drug abuse in his native city: "If I Can Help Somebody" and "I Believe."

"Specs" Hicks will be remembered by many people in vastly different ways. But a common remembrance will be shared by those who benefited from the New Well, the state's first privately operated drug treatment program and those, like his wife, Delora, who worked with him to establish and expand a program that has saved many lives in Newark and throughout the state.

He deserves a fitting tribute for his unrelenting efforts to help many people who suffered.

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stethoscope around their necks just like they used to wear gold chains," said Rocky. "It saves lives, but it also changes mentalities," added Joe. "We offer heroism, but in a positive way."

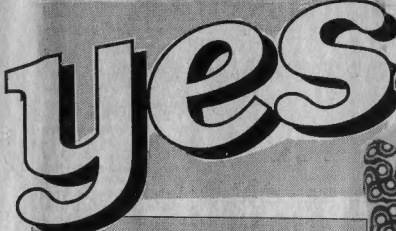
Volunteer ambulance corps are not new — wealthier communities commonly have them, but in poor neighborhoods like Bedford-Stuyvesant they are virtually non-existent. Rocky's and Joe's program is the first minority operation of its kind. They plan to expand their ambulance service to other underserved neighborhoods in New York City.

The dedication and energy needed to start and run a program like theirs takes special people. With Rocky's incredible ambition, leadership and energy, the ambulance corps will remain successful. He has his network of volunteer "volunteers," as he calls them, putting in time and effort to make a difference.

It is reassuring to know that people like Rocky, Joe and the ambulance corps exist to serve their neighborhood. They are a tremendous example of community involvement and dedication needed to turn it around for our cities.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.

YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS



Over 100 4-year college reps at UCC College Fair

CRANFORD—Union County College will conduct a "College Fair," featuring representatives from more than 100 four-year colleges and universities, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 in the Cranford Campus Commons Building and Gymnasium.

Tables will be set up displaying materials from each of the represented colleges, outlining admissions requirements, curricula, financial aid arrangements, any transfer credit acceptance. Potential students may speak individually to the college representatives, thus obtaining answers they need in selecting a college of their choice.

The event, co-sponsored by the College's Counseling Department, Union County Personnel and Guidance Association, is aimed at both high school seniors and juniors, and college students wishing to transfer to another institution.

Those interested in further information should call 709-7077.

Cash prizes available in poster contest

FAIRFIELD, NJ—It's last call for entries in the 33rd annual Gannett Outdoor High School Poster Contest. And there are 18 cash prizes waiting for high school students from any public or private school in New Jersey in areas served by Gannett Outdoor.

"For the past 32 years we have been 'encouraging' high school artists to demonstrate their talents, and providing a showcase for their efforts," said Louis Giordano, President of Gannett Outdoor of New Jersey. Last year there were more than 600 entries from 63 schools in the state, and one of the New Jersey grand prize winners won third place in Gannett's nationwide competition.

Here are the entry rules outlined by William Herzog, Art Director Emeritus for Gannett: Design Subject—May be any commercial product or service available, including public service programs. The design must be fully executed by the student. Choice of medium is optional, but the final artwork rendering must not smear or rub off. The use of ink is permitted, however pre-printed images such as labels, photographs or dimensional objects will disqualify the entry.

Design Size—The design must be 10" high by 22 1/2" wide, plus a one inch white border mat on all sides.

"There are four simple tips to

creating exciting outdoor advertising," emphasized Herzog. "Keep it simple... hold... colorful... and give it contrast."

A team of five judges will review all entries and select 18 to receive awards. There will be three grand prize winners who will receive \$200 cash and have their design reproduced to a full size billboard. It will be posted, with the advertiser's consent, in or near the winner's community. There will also be 15 honorable mention awards who will each receive \$50 cash.

Students desiring to enter this competition are urged to contact the art department or office at their local high school. Direct entries may be submitted following these guidelines:

1. Label your entry with your name, school name, home address, school address and your grade, neatly printed on the back of the entry.
2. Mail or deliver all entries, no later than April 12, 1991, to: Poster Contest, Gannett Outdoor, 185 Route 46, Fairfield, New Jersey, 07006.

3. Any questions about the competition should be directed to Susan Krosnick at Gannett Outdoor of New Jersey. All entries will be returned via mail following the awards ceremony.

A special awards ceremony will be held on May 1 at the Gannett facility in Fairfield.



HARMONY

Believe The Hype: Rappers Who Are Saying Something

by Terry Benjamin

These are the rappers with something important to say about what it means to be black in America at this time. Some of them are veterans, some are new jack rappers, but what they have in common is the ability to pull their thoughts together and present them to the public in musically exciting ways, entertaining us and making us think.

This past Valentine's Day there was a concert performed in Los Angeles that has set the tone for female rappers for the 90's. A group of female rappers that included Ms. Melodie, Harmony, Yo Yo, Nikki D and M.C. Trouble performed for five hours and plan to take this show on the road this Spring. Of the rappers involved Yo Yo and Harmony warrant a few more lines.

Yo Yo's forthcoming album "Make Way For The Motherlode" comes out of her personal philosophy of uplifting young black women. She is also the founder of IBWC (Intelligent Black Woman's Coalition).

Harmony dropped her first album earlier this year. The LP "Let There Be Harmony" contains rap, poetry, and songs. Her concerns go far beyond the ruminations of the typical rapper as she lets her spiritual side shine brightly on tracks like "Sing On God" and "There's Only One."

Other sisters to watch in the 90's are Queen Latifah and Monie

Love. Queen Latifah was recently featured in Newsweek's special issue on women's history month. Latifah and Monie Love were also nominated for Grammy Awards "All Hail The Queen" and "Monie In The Middle," respectively. Chubb Rock has just released his third album, this one is entitled "The 1." After the EP teaser that contained the hit "Real 'Em Right," Chubb Rock is back with a full collection of rap tracks that offer social commentary in a style that is intelligent and musically funky. This rapper is coming on extra large in the 90's.

Each year a new crop of rappers comes out and fades just as fast but with talent like that displayed by M.C. Tragedy, Main Source, and Gang Starr, seeds for superstardom have been sown.

After a criminal past, M.C. Tragedy shows that he is ready to live his life in a positive manner. His LP "Intelligent Hoodlum" is an aural biography that documents the transformation of a young black man and offers thoughtful commentary on many of today's most pressing social issues. For those who think that rap music is just about boasting and parading this LP is a place to begin their real education about rap music.

Main Source—K-Cut, Sir Scratch, and Gang Starr—has come out with one of the most exciting debut albums of the year. "Breaking Atoms" is their contribution to hip hop music. The first

two singles "Watch Roger Do His Thing" and "Looking At The Front Door" captured immediate attention. "Roger" celebrates the intelligence of a young black man from Queens, New York, while "Front Door" tells the blues based story of a couple breaking up, subjects far from the usual hip hop fare. "Just A Friendly Game of Baseball" is about the police's open warfare on black youth and "Peace Is Not The Word To Play" is a call for world peace.

One of the most underrated albums of 1989 was "No More Mr. Nice Guy," the debut album of a relatively unknown duo called Gang Starr that featured rapper Keith E, the G.U.R.U. (Gifted Unlimited Rhymes Universal) and DJ Premier. With their recent work on the Spike Lee movie soundtrack of his *Mo' Better Blues*, they have received much deserved recognition. Their "Jazz Thing" fused the jazz of Bradford Marsalis with their own brand of hip hop and created a dramatic impact. The drama continues on the recently released "Stop In The Area." They've already dropped two singles, the anti-gang rap "Just To Get A Rap" and the socially conscious "Who's Gonna Take The Weight." Honorable mention must be given to the rappers who paved the way, soloists like KRS-ONE and radical rap groups like Public Enemy who showed that rappers can say something in their lyrics and be appreciated by a large number of fans and critics.

PT's clubhouse

The birds are back in town!

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Project Challenge conference open and free to community

The Junior League of The Oranges and Short Hills and the South Mountain YMCA are having a community-wide conference on Project Challenge on Wednesday, March 27, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. The event is being held at the Millburn Library, 200 Glen Avenue, Millburn, New Jersey.

Come and meet David Love, a highly regarded teacher from Montclair Kimberly Academy who has run challenging adventure based programs for pre-teens over the last eight years. Youth, parent and Junior League volunteer participants who have been involved in Project Challenge also will be at the conference.

All pre-teens and their parents, school administrators, teachers and guidance counselors, religious and other group youth leaders, members of the press and local town leaders are welcome. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this event.

Project Challenge, initiated in 1990 by the Junior League and the South Mountain YMCA, is a substance prevention program. It is designed to help youths, ages 11-13, increase self-esteem, problem-solving and decision-making skills through a carefully designed and supportive program, which offers physical challenges and group experiences in a wilderness-based setting. Participants integrate the skills developed during the outdoor experience into their daily lives by attending pre- and post-wilderness meetings.

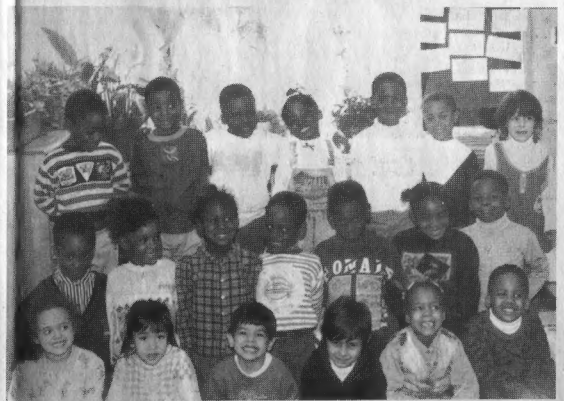
The transition from being a child to a pre-teen is a critical time. Youths are learning how to cope with peer and adult relationships and to respond appropriately to new pressures. Project Challenge has been designed to help pre-teens understand and feel good about themselves as they enter these difficult years.

If you are interested in attending the conference, please call the League Headquarters at (201)-379-9655.

Plainfield kindergarten class corresponds with soldier in Saudi Arabia

In December, Ms. Scurry's kindergarten class had discussed the war going on in Saudi Arabia. They came up with the idea of sending a box full of goodies to a soldier. Upon implementation of this idea, some of the students brought in 50 cents towards the purchase of such items as: toilet paper, gum, soap, envelopes, writing paper, pens and sports illustrated magazines. I knew the box wouldn't arrive in time for Christmas, so I sent it after the New Year.

We received a lovely letter from 1st Lieutenant A. Vann. In the letter, he explained to the students something about his job there and his squadron. He said that he really enjoyed the pictures that we sent to him. He hung the pictures up in his tent. He also appreciated the items we sent. He told the students to enjoy their playtime in the sandbox because by now he's really tired of the sand. Lt. Vann sent us a piece of money which is called a rial bill equivalent to \$1.40 of U.S. money.



RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

ENGLEWOOD—The Willing Workers Club of the Bethany Presbyterian Church will sponsor their annual breakfast at 8 a.m. until at the church, Palisade Avenue & William Street. Home cooked meal \$5.

CLARK—"Old Walls, New Water," healing by co-dependency at 10 a.m. at Mother Seton High School. For information call 201-226-7077.

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at Antioch Baptist Church in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

NEWARK—Televised "Sunday Mass" at 7:30 a.m. WWOV-TV 9 by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick. Also seen on Suburban Cablevision Channel 32. For information call 201-596-4115.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at Calvary UFW Baptist Church in Brooklyn. For information call 212-527-8800.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest preliminaries at First Church of God in Christ in Queens. For information call 201-756-8800.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

SUNNYSIDE—First Unitarian Society will hold "Vespers For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 4 Walden Avenue. For information call 201-756-0750.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest semi-final competition at Antioch Baptist Church on West 125th Street in Harlem. For information call 212-527-8800.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

PLAINFIELD—First Unitarian Society will hold "Vespers For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 724 Park Avenue. For information call 201-756-0750.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

PRINCETON—First Unitarian Society will hold "Vespers For Peace" services at 4 p.m., 50 Cherry Hill Road. For information call 201-756-0750.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

NEW YORK—McDonald's Gospel-Fest final competition and concert at Carnegie Hall. For information call 212-527-8800.

Mark Miller to present organ recital



Mark Miller

Newark Archdiocese obtains Kearny property for pilgrimage shrine

An historic property in Kearny, once purchased for use as an orphanage by Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, has been obtained by the Archdiocese of Newark. McCarrick announced this week that it would serve as the location for a Pilgrimage Shrine of the Adorable Face of Jesus and as the site of the Redemptoris Mater House of Formation for young men studying for the priesthood. The Shrine and House of Formation have been made possible without cost to the Archdiocese through the "extraordinary generosity" of an anonymous donor with a special devotion to the Adorable Face of Jesus, the Archbishop said.

The Archbishop has named Father Dante DiGirolamo, Parochial Vicar at Saint John's Parish in Orange, as Director of the Shrine of the Adorable Face of Jesus in Kearny. Father Dante is working with officials of the Archdiocese to develop the former Saint Anthony School building at 672 Passaic Avenue as the site for the Shrine and the House of Spiritual Formation. The building was originally constructed as an orphanage conducted by Mother Cabrini's Sisters; it then became the Saint Anthony School for Girls. It finally served as a Montessori school until it was closed by the Cabrini Sisters in 1989.

Mark Miller, a Plainfield resident and nationally heralded organist, will present an organ program on Palm Sunday afternoon, March 24th, at 3 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, 631 East Front Street, Plainfield. Mr. Miller will perform a varied program by traditional and contemporary composers. A 1989 graduate of Yale University where he studied organ performance with Dr. Robert Baker and Charles Krissbaum, Miller will complete his Master's Degree in organ performance in May under John Weaver at the Juilliard School. Earlier, he had studied piano with Keith MacDonald of Warren and organ with Robert MacDonald at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark. He is organist and Music Director at the United Methodist Church in Cranford.

Having recently been a featured recitalist at Alice Tully Hall

in Lincoln Center, Miller has received highest acclaim for his organ performances. At Yale, he did frequent solo work in the churches of the New Haven area, accompanied the Yale Gospel Choir and The Bach Society, and was organist with the Yale symphony orchestra.

A 1985 graduate of Watchung Hills Regional High School, Warren, Mr. Miller won the National First Prize in Organ offered in competition by the National Association of Black Musicians in 1987. He also was the recipient of a Scholarship presented by the Plainfield Music Club in 1985. His teachers and peers have acknowledged him to be one of the outstanding young organists in the country today.

The Reuter organ at the church was largely designed in 1949 and dedicated by the late Charlotte Garden of Crescent Av-

enue Presbyterian Church. It has suffered a fire, a relocation, and a partial rebuilding in the early '50s. It is noted as one of the finest romantic organs in the area with exquisite tone qualities and range, while it has been maintained lovingly by the present Music Director at First Church, Ronald W. Thayer, who makes repairs to the leather in the chests and to the mechanical system in the console are needed.

The concert on March 24 is the second in the series being offered by first United Methodist Church to the Plainfield area in order to "showcase" some of our local talent, to offer quality enrichment to our community, and to raise some funds for the repair of the church organ. The concert series is offered free to the public; However, a free-will offering will be received for the organ fund.

All are welcome to attend.

Medical center assures health services to the poor

The Eric B. Chandler Health Center in New Brunswick, N.J., operated by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), has been designated a Federally Qualified Health Center by the U.S. Health Care Financing Administration.

The designation was announced today by Rep. Bernard J. Dwyer (D-6th), whose district includes the center, and Senators Bradley (D-N.J.) and Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), who were instrumental in helping to obtain the center's federal designation.

Founded by the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in 1988, the Eric B. Chandler Health Center is the New Brunswick area's primary community health center. It provides medical, dental and social services for more than 5,000 poor, underserved and medically indigent residents in the New Brunswick area.

Because two-thirds of Chandler's patients are covered by Medicaid, the designation could mean the difference between the center's survival and extinction. Medicaid has reimbursed the center for only a fraction of actual costs for services to Medicaid patients. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, Chandler's Medicaid reimbursements will be 100 percent of reasonable costs. The patient care that costs between \$65 and \$75. UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School covers much of the center's operating deficit—\$199,000 annually. The school also provides Chandler's physicians from its faculty and residency programs.

In announcing the federal designation, Rep. Dwyer, who represents New Brunswick, said: "The importance of the Eric B. Chandler Health Center to the medically underserved of New Brunswick cannot be overstated. With a growing number of health care providers refusing Medicaid or severely limiting the number of indigent patients they see, the Chandler Center's continued existence is extremely important for New Brunswick's poor."

Sen. Bradley said, "I am pleased that I was able to assist the Chandler Health Center in New Brunswick achieve designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center. The center has proven to be an invaluable resource in providing medical and dental care to underserved people in the New Brunswick area. Full Medicaid reimbursement will make a big difference to the center's future operation."

Sen. Lautenberg, who also worked closely with the center, joined in announcing the decision. "UMDNJ provides necessary medical and social services to thousands of New Jerseyans every year," he said. "I'm proud to have played an integral role in the Chandler Health Center's designation to become a Federally Qualified Health Center. After many years of service to the New Brunswick area, the center, through the designation, is able to continue to provide reasonable health care far into the future."

UMDNJ President Dr. Stanley S. Berger Jr. said, "The University is committed to investing in Chandler Center's future opera-

tion. Its designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center proves that commitment is warranted."

Dr. Norman Edelman, dean of the UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, added, "For many Medicaid patients and medically indigent residents of Greater New Brunswick, Chandler is the medical care provider of last resort. We're grateful to Rep. Dwyer and Senators Bradley and Lautenberg for supporting the center, federal designation."

While Dr. Curran called the federal designation "a lifesaver," she said that even the higher Medicaid reimbursements won't cover all of Chandler's costs. Nearly one-third of the center's patients are poor and uninsured

but do not qualify for Medicaid. "We still won't break even," she said with the designation, we will lose money at a slower rate."

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HHS) designated the Federally Qualified Health Center status for Chandler after a lengthy study determined that the center meets the same rigid standards set for federally funded agencies. Based on HHS's recommendation, the Health Care Financing Administration granted the federal status.

About 154,000 people live in the New Brunswick area served by Chandler. Nearly one-fourth of the families live below the federal poverty level, and unemployment hovers around 10 percent.

Not-for-profit auto insurance plan embraced by Union residents

Presentation given to the senior citizens council of Union County

UNION—More than 75 members of the Senior Citizens Council of Union County packed the F. Edwards Bietztempel Center in Union to find out how to save up to 20% on their auto insurance. At the request of the Council, seniors were provided materials and given a presentation by the New Jersey Citizens United Reciprocal Exchange (N.J. CURE).

N.J. CURE is the consumer-owned, not-for-profit auto insurance program, which has been cited as a possible cure for many of the state's auto insurance problems. Established by two former New Jersey insurance commissioners, James J. Sheeran and Richard C. McDonough, the new program offers consumers responsible drivers at rates averaging 20% lower than average market rates.

In just six months, more than 8,000 New Jersey drivers have filed applications for auto insurance coverage with N.J. CURE, far exceeding original expectations for the program. The group has already received more than 500 applications from Union County residents, with approximately 200 drivers already insured through N.J. CURE. "Remember when someone's barn burned down and everyone showed up to rebuild it, well, that is what N.J. CURE is all about," stated Kevin McKinney, Sales Manager of N.J. CURE, in his presentation before the seniors. "We are here to all band together and help each other by insuring each other N.J. CURE is what insurance was meant to be."

According to McKinney, N.J. CURE is a unique, self-help mechanism for consumers, known as a reciprocal insurance exchange, which is licensed and regulated under a special chapter of the state's insurance laws. Within the program, members insure each other through the exchange of reciprocal insurance contracts. N.J. CURE is the first reciprocal organization in the state to provide automobile insurance to New Jersey drivers, subject only to their meeting the group's

responsible driver underwriting standards.

"We anticipated a large response, but this has exceeded expectations," stated McKinney. "In fact, we now receive more than 225 requests each day for N.J. CURE applications."

"Already we have received nearly 8,000 completed applications; representing more than 10,000 automobiles, with a large number coming from Union County," added McKinney. "This is quite significant since we only began issuing policies in late June."

McKinney noted that the group was formed as a consumer response to the escalating costs of auto insurance in New Jersey. In fact, 85% of the group's membership were formerly covered by the infamous Joint Underwriting Association (JUA).

Parking problems

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council that was present, Councilman Frank Meeks said soliciting for parking spaces, covering from pneumonia, the council split 3-3 as to whether to place the issue on the agenda for a formal vote. Councilwoman Helen Miller stated that the parking matter was a separate issue, and that the council's decision to delay the vote might be mistaken by the public as some sort of discrimination against the handicapped. Councilman Jon Brammick said that it was not fair for Bord and his agency to have to come back to the council continually to discuss the same issues. It was suggested by councilman, Earl Robinson that the council vote on the issue with the provision that the agency would come back later to discuss the parking.

Councilwoman Faheemah El-Amin questioned if Bord and his agency could use the funds for another project where the parking would not be such a problem. Councilman Malcolm Dunn, and Elizabeth Urquhart also questioned the parking issue and would like to meet with the developer.

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Youth problems

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that is escalating throughout the African American community. However, the problem doesn't not affect just the black community, but all communities; said Larry McCain Broadcast Program coordinator of Quest Essex C.Y.O. Quest Essex, a Newark-based radio training program, is the sponsor of the radio broadcast. It will give everyone an opportunity to understand what the problems are and at the same time offer possible solutions," said McCain.

Quest/Community Vibrations has been broadcasting for more than 20 years over WSOJ. The program produced mainly by high school students is a combination of news, interviews with community leaders, music and information.

Quest also broadcasts a cable version of the weekly radio show called "Q.V. Magazine." The television program, been broadcasting weekly for more than two years over Gateway Cable's Cable channel 26 in Newark. For further information contact Dawn Sher-Rae at 201-926-9895.

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CITY LIFE

'Second Friday' of Networking and Fun



Electric Slide is live and well at Second Friday.

by Freddie Robinson

ENGLEWOOD—Month after month on its second Friday when "Second Friday North Inc." has been hosting a social mixer at the new Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel on Van Brunt Ave. There at the last "Second Friday" mixer an attractively dressed couple were clearly enjoying themselves, and both later agreed, "The party here is different by its 'freshness,' put together so that when the music finally stops, all have had a good time! Besides the professional networking."

Dancing ("yes, doing the 'slide'"), ladies more ladies and men more men (Hey girls, you'll see no evidence there of the African-American male as an endangered species). Acquaintances have been made, and old acquaintances seen experiencing a reunion of sort at the attractively arranged buffet. All of which reportedly has been "happening" since last December.

As it is across the USA and beyond, the "Electric Boogie" is the time and the "Electric Slide"

is the dance craze. An added amusement was seeing Gil and Rick who on the dance floor couldn't seem to concentrate on their "rocks and rum," due to all the "ladies galore here," they said. Then there were the individual dance expressions of two admitted regulars, Mary, a local hair stylist, and Jeanie from Westchester, NY. Michael and Jeanette were there, too, dancing slow.

The success of "Second Friday" social mixer owes much to the initiator/hostess: Roger B. and Sylvia E. Morris, an engaging, always dancing-together, couple. And also Ursula Parrish Daniels the epitome of energy with dan-

zling hemlines. Their presenting "Second Friday" is just another dimension of their full lives. Ms. Daniels is a tenured Professor of Psychology at Bergen County Community College and she's also active in many tri-county professional and civic organizations. Mr. Morris is a psychoanalyst in the Englewood School System and in private practice; Mrs. Morris is an artist whose works are on exhibit in several centers around the NYC metropolitan area. "Our motivation for presenting the 'social mixers' is to create a party with good, wholesome fun and play, with a touch a class," all three hosts concurred.

Coping... Your first date

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she wants a relationship with him. If the lady is shy the man will have to take the first step. Whoever takes that step, the aggressive step should be done with confidence, kindness and an un-

derstanding of the possible mind- of the other person. Assertive behavior should not be provocative, but should be gentle. Think about this: the next time you feel that someone you want to meet doesn't like you.

McRae and Moody on jazz sampler CD

NEWARK—WBGU-FM, Newark Public Radio Inc., and RCA Novus Records has teamed up to present "Spirit of Jazz," a brand new CD that contains exciting new recordings, as well as some previously recorded material, by several of the label's most notable jazz musicians.

"Spirit of Jazz," which will be available in record stores beginning February 26, is sixty-six minutes of non-stop jazz music. The sampler includes tunes by Carmen McRae, James Moody, Marcus Roberts, John Hicks, Roy Hargrove, Hilton Ruiz, Steve Lacy, Steve Coleman, and Christopher Hollyday.

Thurston Briscoe, Program Director for JAZZ 88 recently stated, "WBGU/88.3 FM, has earned the title, 'flagship of the nation's jazz radio stations. RCA as well as

other jazz record companies recognize that we 'break' many new releases. Therefore, it makes great business sense that we would be approached to select material from these fine RCA/Novus musicians."

Briscoe further added, "JAZZ 88 is always looking to expand our listening audience. We are delighted and proud to be a part of this most impressive project."

WBGU-FM/JAZZ 88 has received national recognition with two of its weekly programs, "American Jazz Radio Festival," carried on over 125 radio stations, and "Portraits in Blue," carried on more than 45 stations across the country.

WBGU-FM/JAZZ 88 has become jazz institution by combining the full spectrum of jazz programming with jazz events, the nature masters of the music of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

NCA conference to begin 'Golden Age of Black Art'

by Larry Still

WASHINGTON, DC (NNPA)—The National Conference of Artists, the largest and oldest organization of African-American artists in the nation, announced plans for its 33rd annual conference, March 26-30, in Washington, DC, to begin the Golden Age of Black Art. The next ten years of GABA is designed to surpass the influence of the celebrated Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, NCA sponsors declared.

The District of Columbia chapter of the NCA is hosting the conference, jointly with the New York City and Richmond, VA, chapters. Co-sponsors include the Howard University College of Fine Arts, the Smithsonian Institution and the National Urban Coalition. The NCA has over 300 members in chapters throughout the nation.

In proclaiming the 1990s as the beginning of GABA, conference co-director Martin Sims emphasized that the increasing number of wide-ranging black artists should have more impact upon America and the world, than the Harlem Renaissance period when artists discovered and began to focus on Black Creativity in the arts.

The purpose of GABA is to mobilize African American artists to utilize their creative energies and material resources to influence the positive development of their community," said speaker, Joeanna Morris and Roy Lewis. More than 1,000 participants are expected from around the country along with delegates from England, Canada, the Caribbean and the Americas.

The conference theme is "Sharing Our Traditions Embracing Each Generation." The

program has been designed to further discussion of the theme with seminars and workshops covering technical trends, legal and business issues, funding and staff support, demonstrations and portfolio reviews, a gallery tour and a collaborative effort in creating GABA. Quilt similar to Kente Cloth, the announcement stated.

An Art Marketplace composed of the creations of a variety of visual artists from across the country will be a special event of the Conference at Howard University. The NCA and the Smithsonian Institution will co-present two events, including a pre-conference forum on "The Role of the Museum and African-American Artists," March 26, and a symposium on the "Hushon Museum, 'The African-American Aesthetic in the Visual Arts and Postmodernism' on March 30.

The NCA fashion show-luncheon will feature internationally acclaimed Januwa Moja of DC; the Nubian Brothers of Baltimore; Moshod Afariango of New York City and Sheryl Moody of San Francisco. Dr. Ronald E. Edlin, NUC executive director, will be guest speaker. Another highlight of the historic week will be the awards banquet honoring distinguished senior artists, with Dr. David Driscoll as keynote speaker. For additional information, contact: Joeanna Morris, National Conference of Artists—(202) 393-3166 or NCA, 409 7th St., NW, Washington, DC, 20004.

The NCA was founded in 1959 and it is devoted to the preservation, promotion and advancement of African-American culture. The membership includes artists, educators, scholars, exhibitors, distributors, collectors and other supporters of art.

JSCS salutes African Women

JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City State College Center for African/American Studies will hold a free performance and film screening.

On Thursday, March 21, Sheila Harper-Linnette will perform her play, "A Salute to Harriet Tubman/African Women Every Day," 7 p.m., in room 202. He will have:

A showing and discussion of the film, "A Passion for Justice:

Plainfield Y.W.C.A. holds annual dinner

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Trustees of the Plainfield-North Plainfield Y.W.C.A. will have their Annual Dinner on Monday, March 25 in the Terrace Room of the Y.W.C.A. in Plainfield.

The speaker will be Priscilla Howard, Field Director, Washington Rock Girl Scout Council. The reception is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. with the buffet dinner at 7:15 p.m. For information call 908-756-3836.

Ida B. Wells" will be held at 12 p.m. in the multipurpose room of JSCS's Michael Gilligan Student Union Building.

For further information call Dr. Deborah Sanders, Director of the JSCS Center for African/American Studies, at 201-547-3153.

Louis Armstrong Film Festival

JERSEY CITY—There has been no jazz musician so widely, deeply, durably influential as Louis Armstrong. And no one else who could do what he could do on the horn. Come to the Miller Branch Library Auditorium, March 26, at 7 p.m. and experience the Louis Armstrong Jazz Film Forum. Admission Free. For information call 547-4505

BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

PLAINFIELD—Queen of the Blues, an evening the Drunk Washington, through the 24th at the Grant Avenue Community Center. Information call 201-561-0123.

UNION—The Count Basie Orchestra performs at 8 p.m. in the Wilbur Theatre at River College. \$10. Information call 201-527-2237.

JERSEY CITY—An exhibition reception at Jersey City State College in Artspace at 6:30 p.m. Information call 201-547-5441.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

NEWARK—Shirley Caesar at Essex County College at 8 p.m. For information call 201-242-0550.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

NEWARK—The Garden State Ballet and Memorial Auditorium present Puccini's at 8 p.m. Memorial Auditorium/Memorial State College. Information call 201-623-0267.

LAURENCEVILLE—6 dances by a choreographer, 2 dance companies at Lawrence High School at 8 p.m. Admission \$10. Information call 609-584-8074.

NORTH BRANCH—Orion String Quartet at Raritan Valley Community College Theatre at 8 p.m. Information call 201-725-4234.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

NEWARK—Network Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0132.

PLAINFIELD—A Young Artists' Concert will be performed at the Plainfield Public Library at 3 p.m. on West Eighth and Park Avenue in Plainfield. The program is free of charge.

NORTH BRANCH—Comic juggling the Allstars at 2 dance companies at North Branch High School at 8 p.m. Admission \$10. Information call 908-754-2323.

STIRLING—Bluesfest at Orphan Annie to benefit the Association for Retarded Children of Union County from 2 to 5 p.m. \$5. Information call 908-754-2323.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

NEWARK—The Garden State Ballet and Memorial State College present Puccini's at 8 p.m. Memorial Auditorium/Memorial State College. Information call 201-623-0267.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Adult School trip to see Fiddlers on the Hill in Brooklyn, New Jersey at 6:50 p.m. For information call 201-753-3252.

NEW YORK—Crossroads Theatre Company brings back "The Electric Slide" production of Black Eagles to the Manhattan Theatre Club through May 17. For information call 201-244-5581.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

JERSEY CITY—Black Arts Film and Video Festival Tour at 7 p.m. in Media Arts Building of Jersey City State College. For information call 201-547-0453.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

KEYPORT—The Kingston Musicale Club presents the Greatest Show in Town with the world's greatest showman Larry Olt. Also appearing are Volney Davis, Sam McGuire, Duke and Mike Little. Two shows 10 and 12 p.m. at Major Lounge, 215 Atlantic St. Between 4 and 5 p.m. at the door \$12. Contact any Kingston member for information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

NEWARK—Sweet Honey in the Rock at Essex County College at 8 p.m. Information call 201-242-0550.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

TRENTON—Sweet Honey in the Rock at War Memorial 8 p.m. Information call 201-242-0550.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

NEW BRUNSWICK—Sweet Honey in the Rock at Rock State Theatre, 8 p.m. Information call 201-242-0550.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

NEWARK—Network Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0132.

PLAINFIELD—The "It's a Small World" (Kids) Daughters Day School play exhibits open at the Plainfield Public Library.

PLAINFIELD—The Arlene Spingarn Concert will be performed at the Plainfield Public Library at Park Avenue and West Eighth Street. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

WESTFIELD—The Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents: Mendelssohn, Gounod at the Presbyterian Church. For information call 201-232-9400.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

NEWARK—Network Community of the Arts dance workshops at fourth floor space Symphony Hall. \$3. Information call 201-642-0132.

RADIOSCOPE...THE COLUMN

TOP STORIES: RELIVING THE GLORY DAYS OF HARLEM
BUSTING THE HAPPY-GO-LUCKY SLAVE IMAGES
KARYN PARSONS—FROM TEDDY BEARS TO BEL AIR
From Bailey Broadcast Services Via Sema Syndication

Reliving the Glory Days of Harlem: In light of the recent Black History month, we wanted to take you on a trek down Harlem's memory lane. The Savoy, The Chicken Shack, The Cotton Club and countless other nightclubs were all home to droves of black stars including the legendary Cab Calloway and other entertainment legends who ruled Harlem's nightclub scene during the 30's and 40's. They changed the face of entertainment and by doing so they laid the path walked, danced, and sung by today's black stars. In a typical week the Duke Ellington and Count Basie Orchestra would be playing while vocalists like Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, and Billie Holiday were stunning audiences with their sophisticated sassy singing. Cab Calloway says back then Harlem was black entertainment's heart. And while it's tough for entertainers now, it was tougher then. Acts weren't always paid top dollar. On top of that, other blacks weren't allowed in to see them. The clubs, often run by mobsters, catered strictly to whites. Ralph Cooper, the creator and host of the famous Amateur Night at Harlem's Apollo theatre says this weird kind of racism indirectly kept residents rolling in the dough but eventually turned Harlem into a ghetto. The Apollo was one of the first Harlem spots to cater to a black crowd. It's Amateur Night was started in 1934, and has given birth to some of entertainment's biggest names. It was the place any black singer, dancer, comic, or musician worth their salt had to play! Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, and Billie Holiday are just a few who, on their first amateur night visits, wore the notoriously tough Apollo crowd—who'll booed a bad act right off the stage. Cooper, now after 57 years still heads up the amateur night, recalls when Sarah Vaughn barged her way on the stage and when Ella Fitzgerald almost got booed off it. In another often told Apollo tale, "the Godfather of Soul" James Brown supposedly showed up at the theater wearing some borrowed clothes and shoes, clinging to his last hope of being a star before jumping on the stage and winning over the vicious crowd with his funky brand of soul. (Ralph says it is not true). At any rate, all those entertainers blazed a path for today's talent. In more recent history Miles, David Peaston, and Luther Vandross all made their debut at the Apollo. And as hard as it may be to believe, the Apollo crowd wasn't that initially impressed with Luther's singing... From the PRETENSE, PLACES, & THINGS, Ella Prince's got a new band called the New Power Generation, which features a three-man rap group, a dance troupe and two new players... In many a film, TV show and book, the stereotypes of the happy black slave have been perpetuated. In reality, African-Americans fought their enslavement and a new book, "Breaking The Chains: African-American Slave Resistance," by William Loren Katz tells how. He says the myth of the grinning and happy slave was something whites created to deal with their own guilt. In fact, slaves frequently set fire to the masters property and even poisoned his food. They'd also intentionally break tools so they didn't have to work. (Whites thought they were too dumb to use tools correctly). And using all methods of escape, slaves often communicated escape plans in the songs they sang—which became the basis of the blues. You know, it was way past time to have the truth about our history told... Feedback Line: Want to know what's happening with your favorite stars? Just call us like Eric Curry, of Raleigh, North Carolina who wanted the 411 on the young acting career—starting on the NBC comedy "Fresh Prince of Bel Air". Eric, the young lady you're referring to, is 24-year-old Karyn Parsons. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Karen has studied acting since the age 13. Ironically, she was discovered by actress Lesley Ann Warren while selling teddy bears at an LA freeway off-ramp. Warren thought Kaym might be right for a part in a film she was working on. Although Kaym didn't get the part, she did get parts in several commercials, and in episodes of the television series "Hunter," "Bronx Zoo," and "Capital News" before landing the role of Hillary on the "Fresh Prince of Bel Air"...Got a question or a comment on any RadioScope story, just call the Feedback Line at (213) 257-2354.

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CITY BUSINESS

BUSINESS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

BRIDGewater—State Senator John Ewing will address the Somerset Chapter of Commerce at Jack O'Connor's Restaurant at 5 p.m. For information call 908-725-1552.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

NEW BRUNSWICK—The Middlesex County Chapter of SCORE will conduct a procurement seminar at 8:30 a.m. at Middlesex County College. \$15. Information call 908-249-6207.

WEST ORANGE—Practical Advice on Marketing your Business sponsored by the Essex County Chapter of the NJ Association of Women Business Owners at 6 p.m. at the Casa Portuguesa. For information call 822-2500.

PRINCETON—The New Jersey Federation of Planning Officials will hold its annual State Planning Conference at the Center for Health Affairs. For more information, call 379-1100.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

NEWARK—Thomas J. D'Allesio, Essex County Executive and members of his cabinet are featured in a Breakfast Issue Forum at the Holiday Inn North at Newark Airport at 8:30 a.m. For information contact Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce.

CRAWFORD—Union County College will conduct a Criminal Justice Career Night featuring speakers from various law enforcement divisions at 5:30 p.m. on the Crawford Campus. For information call 705-7565.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

SOMERVILLE—Loans & Limitations - The Changing role of Banks will be covered at the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at 8 a.m. For information call 908-725-1552.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

NEWARK—The Small Business Administration along with the Metro Newark Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a trade conference entitled "Export Matchmaker Conference '91," at the Radisson Hotel. For more information, call 201-645-6064.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

ENGLEWOOD—Empowerment of African Americans Through Entrepreneurship sponsored by the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Bergen/Passaic Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Bergen County Alumnae Chapter, Small Business workshop from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Englewood. For information call 833-2571.

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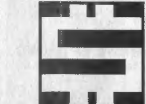
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Business in the Black...

Aging death for African American males Equal health care has not been and is not now available

by Charles E. Belle

A recent study indicates that half of all Americans fear the United States will suffer a depression similar to the one during the 1930s. Already in such an aftermath are aged African American men. Many of whom were born into poverty with its accompanying endemic style nutrition deficient diet. Even today millions of African American mothers mostly from their own lack of knowledge and uneducated nutritional ideas are giving birth to malnourished children. Campaigns by the current Secretary of Health and Welfare would do well to spend more time and money on making African American mothers more health conscious than on anti-smoking. But that political smoke screen bandwagon is easier to ride.

Ridiculous as it may seem, less than one-third of mothers who earn less than \$7,000 a year breast feed their babies. While over two-thirds (68%) of those earning more than \$25,000 a year do breast feed. Findings like this clearly indicate the heavy advertising toward this largely uneducated market, making them believe that the bottle formula is better for the baby than natural milk works. Rates of breast feeding is lowest among African Americans. In fact, African American infants are twice as likely as white infants to die in their first month of life.

In the event the African American male makes it through his twenties, the road gets rough again in his states. Since it is highly unlikely that he will retire from a major U.S. corporation with a health care plan, there is little protection for him in his later years. He is not even in this position since 15% of all U.S.

citizens have no health insurance and many millions more have only partial coverage. Only about three percent of U.S. companies provide long-term (LTC) benefits. But then, few African American males can expect to take advantage of any LTC plans.

The reason is that African American men's life expectancy is not even at retirement age. A fact which can be traced to Reagan-Bush years in the White House. It formerly was at least over the regular retirement age at 65.2 years, but has dropped below to 64.9 years. This compared to the average white male's expectancy which has been all the while on the increase up to 72.3 years. The Reagan years were indeed good for the white male!

Many people are publishing articles on the social problems and lifestyles of African Americans as the root cause of the continuing killing of African Ameri-

cans. Even the physical size of African Americans is offered up as a singular cause of early death. Government statistical research indicates that almost half of African American women and a third of African American men are at least 20% over normal body weight compared with about one-fourth of white men and women. The aerobic work-out rooms, luxury resort vacations and country club pools and golf courses can make a difference! Another difference is the near doubling of "out of pocket" health care expenses since 1977. The combination of the increased cost for health care for the elderly et al., combined with a decrease in the income of the average African American male is a major contributor to the cutting down of his life expectancy. Positive economic and education programs are needed for African Americans and not any anti-apartheid.

Minority firms access

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rebuilding plan."

Payne noted that his office has been inundated with calls from small businesses expressing an interest in contracting and subcontracting opportunities. "These small business men and women are anxious to participate in the rebuilding effort," Payne said. "I want to help them overcome the inherent difficulties they often face in competing with larger firms in foreign markets."

Under Payne's plan, President Bush, Secretary Cheney, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of State, the Small Business Administration, and other agencies will make a concerted effort to

solicit and provide information and assistance to women and minority-owned businesses as well as small and disadvantaged businesses. Large private companies who are awarded contracts are encouraged to subcontract with smaller firms. In addition, the government of Kuwait is encouraged to award "a significant number" of the reconstruction contracts to women and minority-owned firms.

Payne, who serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said that he plans to personally discuss his resolution with Secretary of State James Baker and with the Kuwaiti Ambassador, Sheikh Saud Nasir al-Sabah.

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While reducing her clients' overloads Lois still finds time to be "best" in other areas. She writes poetry, assists in the membership and program committees of the New Jersey United Minority Business Brain Trust Organization and will begin to participate in youth programs sponsored by the Civic League of Greater New Brunswick.

One of Lois' poems, "My Reality" has been awarded honorable mention by the World of Poetry in California and will soon be published by them.

The best of Lois Epps is yet to be.

What next?

African-Americans participating in free trade can increase the standard of living for all parties in the process, here and there. In rethinking our sanctions policy against South Africa, we should remember our own experi-

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From the Sidelines

Inspired by Big George, Larry Holmes plots a comeback

by Fern Taylor

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The boxing senior circuit will add one more former legend to its list when Holmes steps into the ring in April against some of the name club fighters. Larry's inspiration? None other than that Big Mac eatin' man of God himself, Minister George Foreman.

To get back to the top, Holmes will probably prescribe to the Foreman method: Build up your record during club fighters, overweight bouncers, and old people. Talk a good talk. Make good jokes. Play up to the media. Fight Gerry Cooney and beat him up to become "legitimate." After about a year, get serious to fight one top contender. If you win, you'll get a championship shot.

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Holmes will be hard pressed to be as successful as Foreman has been. Foreman is the ultimate showman, one of the more enjoyable characters in the fight game today. His press conferences are better than his fights.

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"Well," George will say, as the camera zooms from his massive 6-5, 275 pound (or so) frame to his bright shiny bald head,

cherubim cheeks and lovable teddy bear smile, "I'll eat a big breakfast beforehand, maybe 12, no, 15 eggs, yeah, 15 eggs, a lot of ham and sausage and a crate of biscuits. Then I'm gonna go in

there, hit'em upside the head, and if that don't work, I'm gonna belly-bop him. If that don't work, I'm gonna put him between some bread and have him for lunch."

Just like a teddy bear, with Foreman America wants to just hug him and love him.

I can't sell Larry short, though. He has a wry, matter of fact kind of humor which can also be very heartwarming.

When told by one announcer that they really wish he would stay retired, Holmes retorted, "There are a lot of fighters out there that wish I would stay retired, too. You know I still have one of the best left jabs in the game."

Are you coming back for the money? Holmes says, "I'll always need money, I'll always need money, I'll always need money, I'll always need money."

Despite some obvious differences, there are a lot of similarities between Holmes and Fore-

man. Both were fighters performing under the large shadow of the greatest fighter of all time, Mohammed Ali. Holmes felt he never got his just due - and he didn't - because he was not Ali. Both were perceived as sullen and somewhat bitter men at the end of their careers.

Now these 40-year olds have a second chance to end their careers in their own way, to mold an everlasting perception of themselves - to gain the acceptance and recognition that eluded them in their prime.

It reminds me of the farewell tours that Julius Erving and Kareem Abdul Jabbar had in the NBA. It's a chance to go around the country, without the pressure and expectations of their younger years, and say goodbye one last time, to be honored and revered for past accomplishments. To let the emotional guards down some and have some fun.

It was worth it to see Foreman come out of retirement, just to get to know him as more than just a sullen fighter. Hopefully, it'll be the equally worth it to see Holmes perceived in a different, more positive light.

AT&T and the right choice

Professional Golf picks the right course for every play

by Charles E. Belle

MONTEREY, CA — Vice President Dan Quayle was not at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Golf Tournament. The Professional Golf Association had dropped Cypress Point Country Club as one of the three courses the world renowned match uses as one of its forums because of its racist policy of not accepting minorities. Many kudos and congratulations for the great step taken in major league sports to the PGA for its position, even if the Vice President of the United States is unaware that he is making a statement to the nation of approval of apartheid when he plays at segregated sports facilities.

Fortunately, Paul Azinger won the tournament and it is fair to say he hates the Poppy Hills course that has taken the place of the Cypress course. Paul presented me with three good professional golfers' reasons (principally "the bunkers are on the wrong side") for why Poppy Hills should not be used as one of the three AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am courses. Having played Poppy Hills, no doubt he is right! But far more important than amateur or any professional subtleties, rights preferences are human rights!!!

Well the change of a single golf course did not stop the stars from showing up. Soap opera star, Jack Wagner, who replaced actor James Garner at the last

minute, made a name for himself by winning the amateur title with Tom Cook. Cook's wife was even more happy, being more of a fan of Jack's than Jim. Just us older guys like academy award winning actor, Jack Lemmon, comedian Timmy Smithers, Hal Linden (Barney Miller) and "Mr. Golf"

Arnold Palmer who could have played with pro or amateur and drawn a crowd. Children, "er" chippies" crowded around actor Dennis Quaid, while auto buffs bailed in the pick of "Indy 500" Bobby Rahal and Roger Penske. Pro footballers picked out 49ers million dollar plus back-up quarterback Steve Young, and former line-man turned TV commentator, Randy Cross, along with Denver's quarterback John Elway. Even comic strip lovers got to latch onto Charles Schulz, creator of "Peanuts." Professional baseball brought the old and the new with Hall of Famer, Willie McCovey, "Dodger's Oni Hershire, and "As" Mark McGuire. Julius Irving (Dr. J.) just as he did

in the National Basketball Association (NBA) stood out from the crowd. Perhaps the only amateur star who did not win over the crowd this year was "Make my day," Clint Eastwood. Even a dog would not stop to acknowledge the actor on the fairway. You think the dog found out Clint was a member of the Cypress Point Country Club? Dogs have a good sense for smell.

Selecting the Poppy Hills Golf Course, a public facility owned by the Northern California Golf Association for one of the three courses for the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am \$1,170,000 purse was the right choice. Cruising around the magnificent Monterey area in a luxurious Lexus LS400, "Import car of the year," according to J.D. Powers and Associates, a similar one to Willie McCovey's (license plate "MAC 44") and sociable and publisher, Ann Getty, (married to American billionaire Gordon Getty.) it was difficult to think of anything distasteful the entire weekend.

Career Day at Kean College

Beta Alpha Omega Chapter, Newark, of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will hold its Annual Career Day at Kean College, Union, NJ on March 27, 1991, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Career Day is co-sponsored by the Office of Community Service at Kean College.

The purpose of the Career Day is to introduce students to a wide range of careers that will have a positive impact on their career choice. Workshop topics include: Aviation, Business & Finance, Computer Science, Law, Real Estate, and Medicine among others.

For information, call (201) 673-0385.

East Orange Planning Memorial Day Parade

EAST ORANGE—The city of East Orange, 1991 Memorial Day Committee, is seeking interested participants in the Memorial Day Parade. The parade is scheduled to take place on Monday, May beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Any individual, business, school, group, organization or vendor wishing to take part in the parade, should call Victoria Lewis in the East Orange Recreation Department (201) 266-5550 as soon possible.

Bethune-Cookman professor writes book on black achievers

Dr. Russell Mootry, Jr., an Associate Professor of Social Sciences at Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida, has published a book on the history, life, times, and exemplary achievements of the blacks in a small, rural enclave in the State of Georgia - Telfair County. He is a native Telfair Countian.

In the last twenty-five to thirty years, the blacks in Telfair County have distinguished themselves in the various fields and professions blacks are still underrepresented in, e.g., medicine, dentistry, law, poli-

tics, corporate America, higher education, public school administration, etc. According to all available data, Telfair County has produced more black doctors per capita than any other County in Georgia, if not the entire South. The book documents this achievement.

The book, which is entitled *Black Diamonds: Profiles of Successful Blacks in A Small Southern Community*, was made possible by a fellowship from the Florida Endowment Fund for Higher Education (FEF), which was formerly the McKnight Programs for Higher

Education in Tampa. The fellowship allowed Dr. Mootry to take a year off from his teaching duties at Bethune-Cookman College and devote full attention to the book project. He also received a Creative Research Fellowship from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. in Washington, D.C. to assist with the book project.

Dr. Mootry is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Bethune-Cookman College, earned a Master's degree from Barry University in Miami where he was a Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellow, and he earned a

Doctorate degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. For information call 904-255-1401.

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- 36th in general merchandise store sales with \$1.3 billion
- 13th in furniture sales with \$1 billion
- 22nd in automotive dealer sales with \$3 billion
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